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SUBJECT: BELGIUM: 746 NEW H1N1 CASES ESTIMATED FOR AUGUST 16-20

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11. (U) Belgian health authorities announced on August 20 an estimated 1100 new cases of H1N1 in Belgium, based on extrapolations of cases of 6633 patients who had visited the 180 doctors who comprise the country's H1N1 network that is the basis for the extrapolation. Authorities estimate 3453 persons have been infected since the outbreak began in Belgium at the end of April, with one death linked to H1N1. The government's announcement also indicated that authorities consider that the spread of the H1N1 virus is relatively moderate and within seasonal norms.

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